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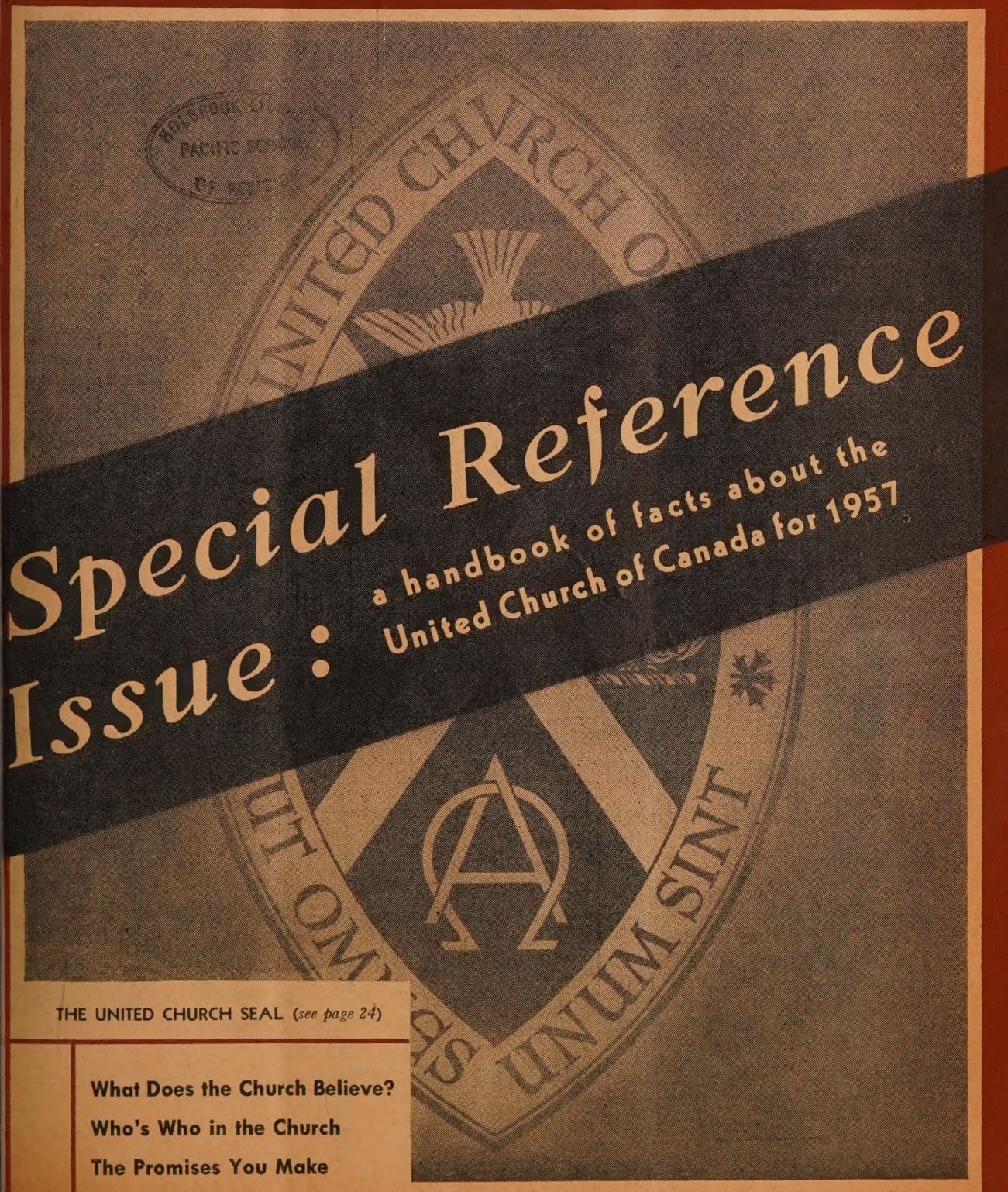

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What the Uniting Churches Said at the Inaugural Service June 10th, 1925

PRESBYTERIAN MODERATOR:

According to the grace given unto our fathers, as witnesses to the Apostolic Gospel a standardbearers of the Church commissioned to make disciples of all nations, more especia in the manifestation of the Spirit in vigilance for Christ's Kirk and Covenant, in care for t spread of education and devotion to sacred learning, receive ye our inheritance among the that are sanctified.

ALL: *We glory in the grace given unto us in this goodly heritage.*

CONGREGATIONAL UNION CHAIRMAN:

. . . more especially in the manifestation of the Spirit in the liberty of prophesying, the lo of spiritual freedom and the enforcement of civic justice, receive ye our inheritance amo them that are sanctified.

ALL: *We glory in the grace given unto us in this goodly heritage.*

METHODIST GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT:

. . . more especially in the manifestation of the Spirit in evangelical zeal and huma redemption, the testimony of spiritual experience, and the ministry of sacred song, receive our inheritance among them that are sanctified.

ALL: *We glory in the grace given unto us in this goodly heritage.*

CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL UNION CHURCHES:

. . . more especially in the manifestation of the Spirit in the furtherance of community-li within the kingdom of God, and of the principle, in things essential unity and in thin secondary liberty, receive ye our inheritance among them that are sanctified.

ALL: *We glory in the grace given unto us in this goodly heritage.*

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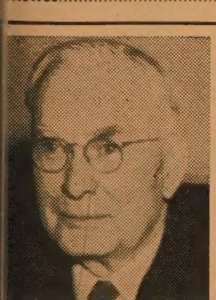

Rev. C. A. Myers

IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Flight From Hungary
By E. L. HOMEWOOD

Myers in the Suburbs
By K. J. BEATON

Observations

IN FRONT OF a pretty little Church in Banff there is a sign which says that this is Rundle Memorial, that it is United Church of Canada and that it is Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational. To Canadians of all sorts of religious persuasions such a sign may not be thought worthy of a second look. But to tourists from other lands this is an intriguing reminder of the historic Church Union movement which found its personality in The United Church of Canada, born June 10th, 1925.

Leaders of the United Church receive many queries from Christians around the world; for Church Union is one of the great recurring themes of these generations. Tentative experiments are under way in many nations. Uneasiness and bad consciences are present among denominationalists who think it not right that the body of Jesus Christ should be broken into many hundreds of different parts.

The trend to union appears in the community churches of the U.S.A.; it is expressed in the various co-operative movements; it is perhaps more subtly and in the long century more significantly demonstrated by the way church members switch denominations as they move about.

The world recognizes, however, that in Canada and South India this century has seen its two most remarkable Church Union experiments.

Occasionally United Church people hear the complaint that they don't know what they believe; that they are so broad they are thin; that the reason that the United Church is growing so fast is that it is so easy for the indifferent to become members.

The United Church extends intellectual hospitality to new ideas; in its house there are many rooms; and in these rooms many treasures from the past are guarded. When its people gather at one table to eat they eat in different ways. It's a Union of Churches. Its genius is not in conformity, but in its differences. It is a good thing, not bad, that it preaches its Gospel each week in 19 languages and its ministers use twice that many in their week-day work.

The United Church has come forth from the common faith and life of the Canadian Christian people. It is an indigenous church; it is native to the town and city, the village and the open country. Those who dreamed of it and sacrificed for it hoped that it would emerge as a truly national church. Not national in power or in might, but national in its sense of responsibility to all people who come to these shores, regardless of their race, or class or dwelling.

One of its greatest tasks is to inform its people of its mission, deepen them in its heritage, impassion them with its Gospel. And win their loyalty, not to it as a denomination but to the Church of Jesus Christ. To such is this paper in its routine work and in this special issue committed.

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● MANY MANY TIMES in the pastorate when we called on a new family, or discussed church membership with someone from a different tradition, or even chatted with members about getting married or having the baby baptized, we were told, "We don't know much about the United Church."

Often we wished we had some sort of a handy little booklet packed full of facts which we could keep in stock and give to interested people. And we found ourselves carrying about mimeographed copies of promises people make when they stand up at the front of the church to unite with the congregation, or to have their children baptized or to exchange marriage vows.

We would have dog-eared catechisms in our pockets, old "Statements of Faith" in the glove compartment of the car, and our *Book of Common Order* loaned to the President of the Y.P.U., and the *Manual* borrowed by the Chairman of the Committee of Stewards.

And even when we did load down some innocent new member from the United States with books and pamphlets on this and that he would be apt to say, "And who is this Dr. Mutchmor I read about in the papers?"

We hear of tentative plans in some quarters to produce a sort of Parliamentary Guide to the United Church; but in Ottawa the invaluable publication of that name costs several dollars from the Queen's Printer. So we came up with the idea of publishing this special issue, and making available at nominal cost extra copies of it for those who would like to order extras for use during the months ahead.

So far we have been encouraged, for at the time of writing some 14,000 extra copies have been ordered, and Newfoundland mail isn't in yet. We estimate now that we will run an extra 25,000 copies of this issue; we hope it will prove of considerable value to all our congregations.

DO YOU KNOW . . .

. . . what happened before church union?

1875 Four sections of Presbyterianism united to form the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

1884 Four branches of Methodists united to form The Methodist Church.

1906 Various Congregational Churches organized The Congregational Union of Canada.

1885 Ontario Synod of the Church of England invited the Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches to confer on Church Union.

1885 Montreal Conference of the Methodist Church appointed a Committee in similar terms.

1893 Presbyterian General Assembly appointed a Committee to confer with other Churches on the general subject of Church Union.

1894 The Methodist General Conference proposed a plan of federation of local congregations.

1899 Presbyterian General Assembly on request of its Board of Home Missions appointed a Committee to confer with other evangelical Churches to prevent overlapping. The Methodist Church asked its Board of Missions to appoint a similar Committee.

1902-3 These Committees met and drew up plans for complete co-operation.

1902 Each of the three Churches appointed representatives to Joint Union Committee.

1904 First meeting of Joint Union Committee.

1908 Joint Union Committee agreed on basis of union.

1909, 1910, 1911 The basis was approved in general by the Supreme Courts of the three Churches and referred to the lower courts and to the membership.

1914 Basis revised and the name "The United Church of Canada" was approved.

1915 Presbyterian General Assembly resolved in favour of Union, but decided to defer action until after the war.

1921 Representatives of the General Council of Local Churches joined the Joint Union Committee.

1921 Presbyterian Assembly agreed to such steps as may be deemed best to consummate Union.

1924 The United Church of Canada Act passed by the Dominion Parliament.

1925 June 10th the union of the three Churches was solemnly consummated.

. . . what has happened since church union?

1928 Committee on Archives established.

1930 Publication of *Hymnary*.

1936 Dr. Lydia Gruchy, first woman ordained.

1936 Committee on Missionary Education formed.

1940 Publication of Statement of Faith.

1941 Campaign to underwrite the Church's deficit.

1942 Board of Colleges and Secondary Schools set up.

1944 Publication of Catechism.

1944 The Seal of the Church adopted.

1946 Pension Fund Capital Campaign.

1947 First School for Lay Leaders opened at Naramata.

1948 Committee on Overseas Relief Organized.

1950 China Mission Fields Evacuated.

1950 Board of Men Organized.

1953 First Missionaries Appointed to Northern Rhodesia.

1954 Board of Information and Stewardship Established.

1955 New Building for National Training School Opened.

1955 Ryerson Press, 125th Anniversary.

. . . how the church has progressed in the last 25 years?

	1930	*195*
Church Members	662,253	912
Persons Under Pastoral Care	1,572,246	2,265
Received on Profession of Faith	26,296	37
Baptisms	30,400	62
Marriages	17,902	29
Burials	23,190	28
Sunday Schools	5,993	5
Sunday School Membership	624,606	658
Membership Through-Week Christian Education Organizations	168,961	243
Value Church Property	$92,103,802	$246,175
M. and M. Givings	2,698,225	4,608
W.M.S. Givings	903,892	1,237
W.A.'s—All Purposes	1,784,195	4,604
Salaries Paid Ministers	5,225,971	6,808

. . . the financial position of The United Church of Canada?

SUMMARY OF FINANCES AT DEC. 31, 1955

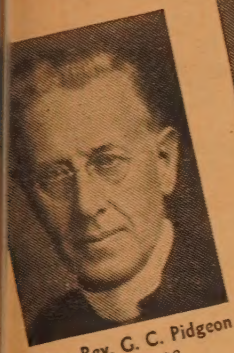
Trust Funds (Income only expendable)	$2,999,301.06
Reserve and Special Funds (Includes Stabilization Fund, $2,770,569.43)	6,965.773.18
Guaranteed Annuity Funds	608,052.52
Properties and Building Funds	5,850,757.61
Funds Relating to Women Workers	341,686.29
Miscellaneous Funds, Investment Reserves, etc.	799,687.66
	$16,865,258.32

THE PENSION FUND

Bonds (Book Value)	$14,877,01
Stocks (Book Value)	422,33
Mortgages	11,43
	15,310,77
Bank Balances	428,79
	$15,739,57

Total Assets under Administration of the Treasurer $32,604,83

. . the men who have led the church since 1925?



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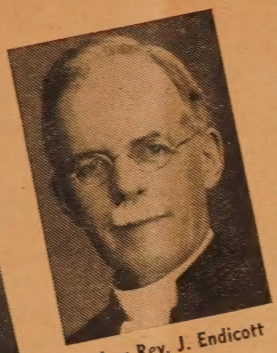
1925-26



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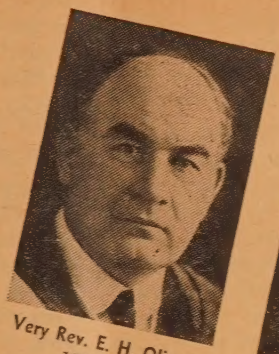
1926-28

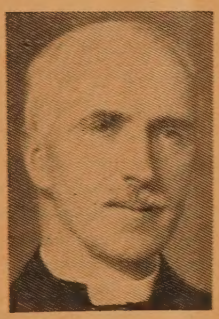
Very Rev. W. T. Gunn
1928-30



Very Rev. E. H. Oliver
1930-32

Very Rev. T. A. Moore
1932-34

ry Rev. R. Roberts
1934-36



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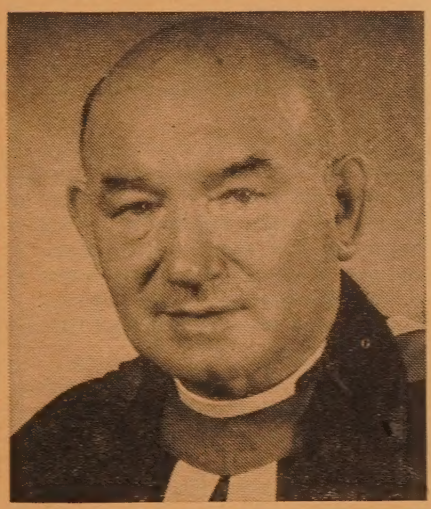
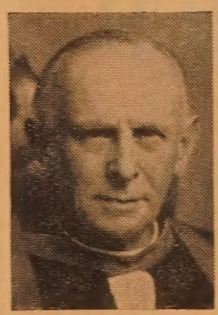
1936-38



Rt. Rev. James S. Thomson
1956 - 1958



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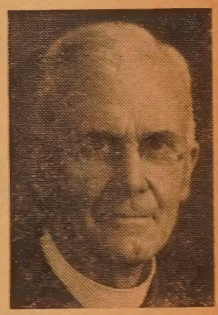
1942-44



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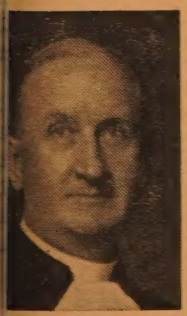
1940-42



y Rev. J. W. Woodside
1938-40

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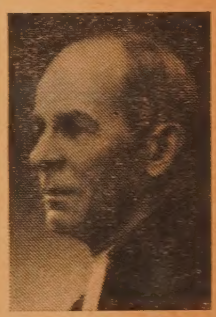
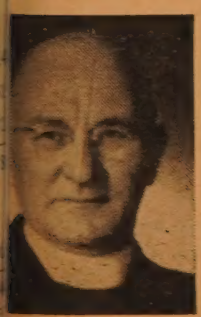
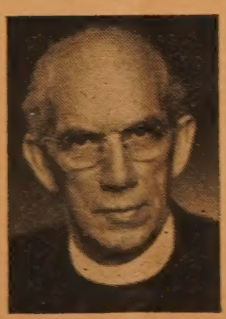
of
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA



Very Rev. J. H. Arnup
1944-46

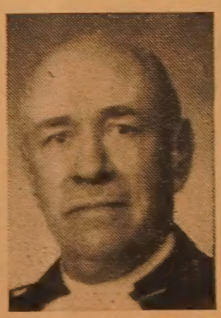


ery Rev. T. W. Jones
1946-48



Very Rev. W. Brewing
1948-50

Very Rev. C. M. Nicholson
1950-52



Very Rev. A. A. Scott
1952-54

Very Rev. G. Dorey
1954-56

WHAT DOES THE UNITED CHURCH BELIEVE?

Twenty Articles of Faith in the Basis of Union set forth Church doctrine

ARTICLE I. *Of God.* We believe in the one only living and true God, a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in His being and perfections; the Lord Almighty, who is love, most just in all His ways, most glorious in holiness, unsearchable in wisdom, plenteous in mercy, full of compassion, and abundant in goodness and truth. We worship Him in the unity of the Godhead and the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, three persons of the same substance, equal in power and glory.

ARTICLE II. *Of Revelation.* We believe that God has revealed Himself in nature, in history, and in the heart of man; that He has been graciously pleased to make clearer revelation of Himself to men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; and that in the fullness of time He has perfectly revealed Himself in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, who is the brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person. We receive the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, given by inspiration of God, as containing the only infallible rule of faith and life, a faithful record of God's gracious revelations, and as the sure witness to Christ.

ARTICLE III. *Of the Divine Purpose.* We believe that the eternal, wise, holy and loving purpose of God so embraces all events that, while the freedom of man is not taken away, nor is God the author of sin, yet in His providence He makes all things work together in the fulfilment of His sovereign design and the manifestation of His glory.

ARTICLE IV. *Of Creation and Providence.* We believe that God is the creator, upholder and governor of all things; that He is above all His works and in them all; and that He made man in His own image, meet for fellowship with Him, free and able to choose between good and evil, and responsible to his Maker and Lord.

ARTICLE V. *Of the Sin of Man.* We believe that our first parents, being tempted, chose evil, and so fell away from God and came under the power of sin, the penalty of which is eternal death; and that, by reason of this disobedience, all men are born with a sinful nature, that we have broken God's law and that no man can be saved but by His grace.

ARTICLE VI. *Of the Grace of God.* We believe that God, out of His great love for the world, has given His only begotten Son to be the Saviour of sinners, and in the Gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men. We believe also that God, in His own good pleasure, gave to His Son a people, an innumerable multitude, chosen in Christ unto holiness, service and salvation.

ARTICLE VII. *Of the Lord Jesus Christ.* We believe in and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man, who, being the Eternal Son of for us men and for our salvation be truly man, being conceived of the Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary without sin. Unto us He has revealed Father, by His word and Spirit, m known the perfect will of God. Fo redemption He fulfilled all righteou offered Himself a perfect sacrifice o Cross, satisfied Divine justice and propitiation for the sins of the whole w He rose from the dead and ascended Heaven, where He ever intercedes fo In the hearts of believers He abide ever as the indwelling Christ; above u over us all He rules; wherefore, unto we render love, obedience and adorati our Prophet, Priest and King.

ARTICLE VIII. *Of the Holy Spirit.* believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord Giver of life, who proceeds from the F and the Son, who moves upon the h of men to restrain them from evil a incite them unto good, and whom Father is ever willing to give unto all ask Him. We believe that He has sp by holy men of God in making known truth to men for their salvation; through our exalted Saviour, He was forth in power to convict the world o to enlighten men's minds in the know of Christ, and to persuade and enable to obey the call of the Gospel; and tha abides with the Church, dwelling in believer as the spirit of truth, of powe holiness, of comfort and of love.

ARTICLE IX. *Of Regeneration.* We be in the necessity of regeneration, wh we are made new creatures in Christ by the Spirit of God, who imparts spi life by the gracious and mysterious o tion of His power, using as the ord means the truths of His word and ordinances of divine appointment in agreeable to the nature of man.

ARTICLE X. *Of Faith and Repent* We believe that faith in Christ is a s grace whereby we receive Him, trus Him and rest upon Him alone for salv as He is offered to us in the Gospel, that this saving faith is always accompa by repentance, wherein we confess forsake our sins with full purpose of endeavour after a new obedience to G

ARTICLE XI. *Of Justification and ship.* We believe that God, on the ground of the perfect obedience and s fice of Christ, pardons those who by receive Him as their Saviour and accepts them as righteous and bestows them the adoption of sons, with a rig all privileges therein implied, includi conscious assurance of their sonship.

ARTICLE XII. *Of Sanctification.* believe that those who are regenerated justified grow in the likeness of C through fellowship with Him, the ind ing of the Holy Spirit, and obedience t truth; that a holy life is the fruit evidence of saving faith; and that

ver's hope of continuance in such a s in the preserving grace of God. And believe that in this growth in grace tians may attain that maturity and assurance of faith whereby the love of is made perfect in us.

TICLE XIII. *Of Prayer.* We believe we are encouraged to draw near to our Heavenly Father, in the name of Son, Jesus Christ, and on our own f and that of others to pour out our s humbly yet freely before Him, as nes His beloved children, giving Him nonour and praise due His holy name, g Him to glorify Himself on earth as leaven, confessing unto Him our sins seeking of Him every gift needful for life and for our everlasting salvation. believe also that, inasmuch as all true er is prompted by His Spirit, He will sponse thereto grant us every blessing rding to His unsearchable wisdom and riches of His grace in Jesus Christ.

RTICLE XIV. *Of the Law of God.* We ve that the moral law of God, marized in the Ten Commandments, fied to by the prophets and unfolded he life and teachings of Jesus Christ, ds for ever in truth and equity, and is made void by faith, but on the contrary tablished thereby. We believe that God ires of every man to do justly, to love cy, and to walk humbly with God; and only through this harmony with the of God shall be fulfilled that brother- l of man wherein the Kingdom of God be made manifest.

RTICLE XV. *Of the Church.* We nowledge one holy Catholic Church, the merable company of saints of every and nation, who being united by the y Spirit to Christ their Head are one y in Him and have communion with r Lord and with one another. Further, receive it as the will of Christ that His rch on earth should exist as a visible sacred brotherhood, consisting of those profess faith in Jesus Christ and dience to Him, together with their dren, and other baptized children, and nized for the confession of His name, the public worship of God, for the inistration of the sacraments, for upbuilding of the saints, and for the versal propagation of the Gospel; and acknowledge as a part, more or less e, of this universal brotherhood, every ticular Church throughout the world ch professes this faith in Jesus Christ obedience to Him as divine Lord and iour.

RTICLE XVI. *Of the Sacraments.* We nowledge two sacraments, Baptism and Lord's Supper, which were instituted Christ, to be of perpetual obligation as ns and seals of the covenant ratified in precious blood, as means of grace, by ch, working in us, He doth not only cken, but also strengthen and comfort our faith in Him, and as ordinances through the observance of which His Church is to confess her Lord and be visibly distinguished from the rest of the world.

(1) Baptism with water into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is the sacrament by which are signified and sealed our union to Christ and participation in the blessings of the new covenant. The proper subjects of baptism are believers, and infants presented by their parents or guardians in the Christian faith. In the latter case the parents or guardians should train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and should expect that their children will, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, receive the benefits which the sacrament is designed and fitted to convey. The Church is under the most solemn obligation to provide for their Christian instruction.

(2) The Lord's Supper is the sacrament of communion with Christ and with His people, in which bread and wine are given and received in thankful remembrance of Him and His sacrifice on the Cross; and they who in faith receive the same do, after a spiritual manner, partake of the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ to their comfort, nourishment and growth in grace. All may be admitted to the Lord's Supper who make a credible profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and of obedience to His law.

WHAT DID YOU PROMISE

. . . when you were married?

WILT thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health? and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer: I will.

Then shall the Minister say unto the woman:

Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of Matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health? and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer: I will.

The Minister shall cause the man with his right hand to take the woman by her right hand and to say after him as followeth:

I, . . . take thee . . . to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands; and the woman with her right hand taking the man by his right hand shall likewise say after the Minister:

I, . . . take thee . . . to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

ARTICLE XVII. *Of the Ministry.* We believe that Jesus Christ, as the Supreme Head of the Church, has appointed therein a ministry of the word and sacraments, and calls men and women to this ministry; that the Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, recognizes and chooses those whom He calls, and should thereupon duly ordain them to the work of the ministry.

ARTICLE XVIII. *Of Church Order and Fellowship.* We believe that the Supreme and only Head of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ; that its worship, teaching, discipline and government should be administered according to His will by persons chosen for their fitness and duly set apart to their office; and that although the visible Church may contain unworthy members and is liable to err, yet believers ought not lightly to separate themselves from its communion, but are to live in fellowship with their brethren, which fellowship is to be extended, as God gives opportunity, to all who in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus.

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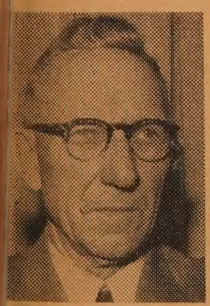

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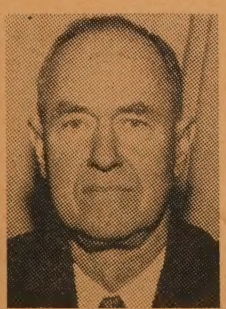

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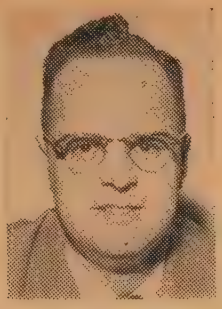

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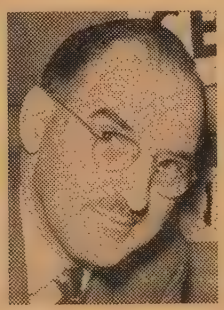

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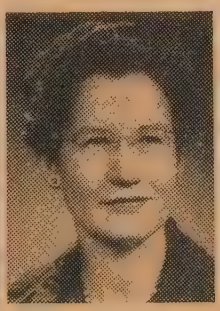

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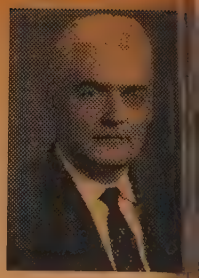

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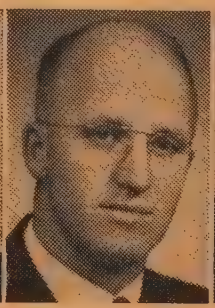

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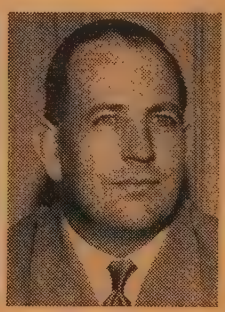

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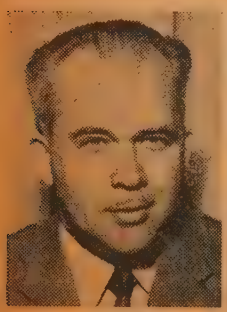

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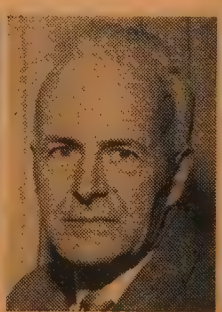

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WHAT DOES THE UNITED CHURCH TEACH?

Here are answers to 86 pertinent questions from the Catechism

1. *What is it that gives meaning to our life?*

It is God's high purpose that gives meaning to our life.

2. *What things ought we to know if God is to accomplish His high purpose with us?*

We ought to know four things: who God is; what we are; what God has done for us; and how we ought to love and serve Him.

I. GOD

(Who God Is)

3. *Who is God?*

God is the almighty Father who made and controls all things according to His holy, wise, and good purpose.

4. *What are the works of God?*

The works of God are creation, providence, and redemption.

5. *What is the work of creation?*

The work of creation is God's making all things in heaven and earth.

6. *What is the work of providence?*

The work of providence is God's upholding and governing all things so that they work together for His good purpose, and His caring for His people with such constancy that nothing, except sin alone, can separate them from His love.

7. *What is the work of redemption?*

The work of redemption is God's saving men from sin and death and renewing their lives by what He does for them through Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit.

8. *Who is Jesus Christ?*

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who became man and lived a life wholly devoted to the will of God and the service of man, who was crucified, raised from the dead and exalted, so that He is our ever-living Saviour and Lord.

9. *Who is the Holy Spirit?*

The Holy Spirit is God at work in our minds and hearts, freeing us from sin and making us more and more like Christ, uniting us with Him as sons of the Father, and with one another as brethren in His family.

10. *What do we mean when we speak of the Trinity?*

We mean that God has revealed Himself as the Father in heaven, as the Lord Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us, and as the Holy Spirit who works within us renewing our minds and hearts.

11. *What is revelation?*

Revelation is God's making Himself known to man, so that man may live according to God's high purpose for him.

II. MAN

(What We Are)

12. *What is man?*

Man is the child of God whom He created to know Him, to love and serve Him, and to enjoy His favour and fellowship.

13. *What did God require of man?*

God required man, in the freedom of his will, to choose the good and reject the evil.

14. *Has man done what God required of him?*

Man has not done what God required of him; he has chosen contrary ways of his own and sinned against God.

15. *What is sin?*

Sin is man's refusal to trust God and do His will, and his following the evil devices and desires of his own heart.

16. *What are the consequences of sin?*

Sin brings upon men God's displeasure and condemnation, breaks their fellowship with one another, corrupts their nature, and involves the world in moral confusion and distress.

17. *Have all men sinned?*

All men have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

18. *Can man by his own effort save himself from sin and its consequences?*

Man cannot save himself; he needs God's help.

III. SALVATION

(What God Has Done For Us)

19. *What did God do to save us?*

God sent His Son into the world to save us.

20. *What did Jesus Christ do to save us?*

Jesus Christ showed us the Father, and overcame sin for us; and He enables us to fulfil the good purpose of God.

21. *What did Jesus Christ show us about the Father?*

By his life and death Jesus Christ showed us how God loves us, how He hates sin and takes our burden upon Him, and how He would have us love and serve Him.

22. *What did Jesus Christ do to overcome sin?*

Jesus Christ took our sin upon Him and bore it on the Cross, and God set His seal on Christ's work by raising Him from the dead and exalting Him as Lord of all.

23. *How does Jesus Christ enable us to love and serve God as we ought?*

As the living Lord, Jesus Christ gives us strength to think and act according to His holy teaching and example.

24. *What must we do to be saved?*

If we are to be saved, we must repent of our sins, and commit ourselves to Christ in life and in death.

25. *How does God help us to repent and commit ourselves to Christ?*

God shows us by the Cross how sinful and helpless we are and how able and willing He is to forgive, and so He moves us to turn from sin and commit ourselves to Christ in the fellowship of His Church.

26. *What is the Church?*

The Church is the whole company of God's believing people in heaven and earth, the body of Christ by which He continues His saving work in the world, the fellowship in which we are born, nurtured, and grow to full stature in Him.

27. *What is the task of the Church?*

The Church is called to worship God, to watch over and care for all within her fellowship, to preach the Gospel to all mankind, to minister to the needy, to wage war on evil, and to strive for right relations among men.

28. *How has God equipped the Church for her task?*

To equip her for her task God has given to the Church the Ministry, the Bible, and the Sacraments; and by these means the Holy Spirit enables us to die unto sin and live unto righteousness.

29. *What is the task of the Ministry?*

The task of the Ministry is to preach the Word, to administer the Sacraments, to watch over the flock, and to guide the people in their witness to Christ and their work for the world.

30. *What is the Bible?*

The Bible is the record of God's increasing revelation of Himself to His ancient people Israel and to the early Church; it is Christ that gives meaning to the whole revelation.

31. *What is the chief purpose of the Bible?*

The chief purpose of the Bible is to tell what God has done to save us from sin and evil, and to claim for Him the complete allegiance of our mind and will.

32. *What is a Sacrament?*

A Sacrament is an act of worship instituted by Christ in which He joins material things with the inward working of the Holy Spirit to set forth and communicate to believers the saving love of God.

33. *What are the Sacraments of the New Testament?*

The Sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism, by which we are admitted into the Church, and the Lord's Supper, by which we grow in the fellowship of Christ.

34. *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is a Sacrament in which, by the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we are received into the Church of Christ, and are engaged to be wholly and always His.

35. *Why are the children of believing parents baptized in infancy?*

The children of believing parents are baptized in infancy because they are born within the fellowship of the Church and Christ claims them for His own.

36. *What is required after children are baptized?*

When children are baptized, Christ entrusts them to their parents and the Church to be so cared for and instructed that when they grow up they will make public profession of their faith in Him as their Saviour and Lord.

37. *What follows when those baptized in infancy profess their faith in Christ?*

When those baptized in infancy profess their faith in Christ, God confirms and equips them as soldiers of the Cross, and the Church receives them into full communion with all its rights and duties.

38. *What is required of those who come in adult years to be baptized?*

Before those who come in adult years are baptized, they must turn away from what Christ forbids, commit themselves wholly to Him, and promise to do what He commands; at their baptism God confirms them as soldiers of the Cross, and the Church receives them into full communion with all its rights and duties.

39. *What is the Lord's Supper?*

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament in which Christ gives us bread and wine at His own Table, and so feeds our souls that we are strengthened and refreshed.

40. *What is required if we are to receive Christ's gift in the Lord's Supper?*

In faith and repentance we are to seek acceptance with Him, and in thankful remembrance of His sacrifice on the Cross we are to yield ourselves to Him anew in love and obedience.

41. *What benefits do those who live in the fellowship of Christ and His Church receive in this life?*

Those who live in the fellowship of Christ and His Church grow in likeness to Him, are sustained in the brotherhood and have a part in sustaining others, and are given assurance that God is able to keep them to the end.

42. *What is the ground of this assurance that God will keep us to the end?*

Our assurance that God will keep us to the end rests on His good purpose for us, what He has done to save us, and His ability to complete what He has begun.

43. *Is it the will of God that all men should be saved?*

It is God's will that all men should be saved, but, inasmuch as they must give account to Him for accepting or rejecting His redeeming love, they stand under His righteous judgment both now and at the last day.

WHAT DID YOU PROMISE

. . . when you joined the Church?

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was born into the world and who suffered for us; and in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, and the Life everlasting?

Answer. I do.

Will you then endeavour to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of your life?

Answer. I will.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, and in all things to seek earnestly the peace and welfare of the Church of God?

Answer. I do so promise, God being my helper.

44. *What is God's righteous judgment at the last day?*

God's righteous judgment at the last day is His final approval of those who accept His redeeming love and His condemnation of those who reject it.

45. *What does the future hold for those who accept His redeeming love?*

To those who accept His redeeming love God gives eternal life, a life of fellowship with Him and His people beginning in this world and perfected in the world to come.

46. *What does the future hold for those who reject His redeeming love?*

Those who reject His redeeming love shut themselves out from the favour and fellowship of God and His people, a future dark beyond our power to conceive.

IV. CHRISTIAN LIFE AND DUTY
(How We Ought to Love and Serve God)

47. *What are the Ten Commandments?*

God spake these words and said:

I. I am the Lord thy God: thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them.

III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

IV. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother.

VI. Thou shalt not kill

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness.

X. Thou shalt not covet.

48. *What are the two commandments in which Jesus summed up the Divine Law?*

The first is: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind. The second is: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

49. *How are we to love and serve God?*

We are to love and serve God by keeping His commandments in the spirit and power of that Love to God of which Jesus speaks.

(a) Our Duty to God

50. *How are we to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength?*

We are to love God by the consecration of our lives wholly to Him in gratitude, humility and reverence, and by waiting upon Him in the reading of the Bible, in prayer, and in common worship.

51. *How are we to read the Bible?*

We are to listen for the Word of God contained in the Bible with attention and desire, lay it up in our hearts, and practise it in our lives.

52. *What benefits flow from reading the Bible?*

If we receive God's Word humbly and thankfully, we shall come to know His mind and accept His will, and we shall receive strength to do what He requires of us.

53. *What is prayer?*

Prayer is laying our lives open before God in gratitude and expectancy, casting ourselves on His mercy and love, telling Him all the desire of our hearts, listening for His voice, and accepting His way for our lives.

(*Over*)

54. What prayer did Christ give for our guidance?

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

55. What are we to note especially in the Lord's Prayer?

We are to note: that God is our Father, able and willing to help His children; that in prayer we are to think first about God, His holy name and His coming kingdom, and be prepared to accept His will at all times; that our common needs, of daily food, of forgiveness and mercy, and of deliverance from evil, are His constant care; and that we are to give to others what we ask for ourselves.

56. What benefits flow from prayer?

If we pray to God in sincerity, He will fortify us against temptation, He will guide us in the right way, and He will make us aware of His living presence with us.

57. What is common worship?

Common worship is what we say and do when we stand together before God, and what God does with us there.

58. What is our part in common worship?

When God draws near and makes His claim upon us through Bible and sermon, we are to take His Word into our hearts; and we are to make our response to His approach, in prayer and song, by thanksgiving, praise and adoration, by confession and petition, by intercession for others, and by the dedication of ourselves to His will.

59. Why should we observe the Lord's Day?

We should observe the Lord's Day because the Lord blessed and hallowed one day in seven, and the first day of the week commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

60. How should we spend the Lord's Day?

We should spend the Lord's Day in public and private worship, in reading and meditation, in converse with family and friends, in deeds of kindness, and in grateful rest from all but necessary labour.

61. What benefits flow from common worship?

If we worship God regularly and devoutly, we shall receive strength to follow Christ with willing loyalty, and we shall partake of the vigour and joy of the whole fellowship in heaven and in earth.

62. What does consecration to God mean?

Consecration to God means that all we have from Him, our abilities, our heritage, our possessions, our opportunities, are to be used, not for ourselves, but for His glory in the service of His Church and of our fellow men.

63. What does it mean to live in gratitude, humility and reverence?

To live in gratitude, humility and reverence means our being mindful of the high and holy God, our Father in heaven, in all we think and say and do.

64. What are the Beatitudes?

The Beatitudes are:

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

WHAT DID YOU PROMISE

. . . when your child was baptized?

Forasmuch as you desire and claim these blessings for your child, you will now engage, on your part, to perform those things which God requireth of you, that the good will and pleasure of your heavenly Father may not be hidden from your child.

I ask therefore,

Do you confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord?

Answer. I do so confess.

Do you promise, as God shall give you grace, to bring up this child in the knowledge and love of God, to the end that in all things *he* may grow up into union with Christ?

Answer. I do so promise.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

(b) Our Duty to Our Neighbour

65. How are we to love our neighbour as ourselves?

We are to seek our neighbour's well-being in all things according to our Lord's teaching, doing to him as we would have him do to us.

66. In doing our duty to our neighbour how do we love and serve God?

If we think of our neighbour as the brother for whom Christ died to make him the man He desires him to be, then in doing our duty to our neighbour we are making our own the Father's good purpose for the whole family in heaven and earth.

67. Who is our neighbour?

Our neighbour is, in the first place, any one who has some need that we can supply; then, any one who lives in the same community with us; and, lastly, every man in the world; they all live within our Father's purpose and care.

68. What particular needs are we to supply?

Particular needs may be outward: some people need food, clothing, shelter. Or the needs may be inward: if a man is lonely he needs friendship, if he is in sorrow he needs comfort, if he has injured us he needs our forgiveness and our patience. And they all need our prayers.

69. What duties do we owe to men generally?

It is our duty to every man: to be honest and truthful with him; to be chaste in thought, word, and deed; to respect and stand by him as a brother.

70. What is a Christian home?

A Christian home is one where God is honoured, and where the love of God revealed in Christ guides parents and children in their regard and care for one another.

71. What duty do husband and wife owe to one another?

It is the duty of husband and wife, as partners for life, to give one another love, fidelity, and co-operation.

72. What duty do parents owe to their children?

It is the duty of parents to provide for their children, to show them understanding and a godly example, to care for their health and education, and especially to instruct them in religion and morals.

73. What duty do children owe to their parents?

It is the duty of children to give their parents love, honour, obedience and help.

74. What duty do we owe to the Church?

It is our duty to go to church to worship God, to receive the Holy Communion, to bear witness to our faith in Christ, and to pray and work and give so that the whole task of the Church may be done and the Gospel proclaimed to the whole world.

75. What is our duty in school?

It is our duty to do our work well, to obey our teachers, and be helpful to other scholars; for in school, as in the home, we enter into our heritage of truth, goodness, and beauty, and prepare ourselves for our life work.

76. What should guide us in choosing our life work?

In choosing our life work we should seek the place where we can, with our abilities, best serve God and our fellow men.

77. What should guide us in recreation?

We are to accept gladness and mirth as good gifts of God; and we are to play with others in all fairness and good temper.

78. Has every man a duty to work?

It is the duty of every man according to his age and ability to do his share of the common task.

9. *How should every man do his own ·k?*

t is the duty of every man to do his n work as well as he can do it, for the ry of God and the common good.

0. *What should every man do in regard other men and their work?*

t is the duty of every man to co-operate h his fellow workers, to do all he can secure for every man his proper share the common task, and so obtain for him l his dependants an honourable share of means of life.

31. *What duty do we owe to the State?*

It is our duty to give obedience and pect to those in lawful authority over to uphold law and order, and to take r part in local and national government Christian citizens responsible for the mmon good.

82. *Is it a man's duty always to obey ose in lawful authority?*

It is a man's duty to obey those in wful authority except when they require n to do something which he is convinced contrary to the will of God.

83. *What duty do we owe to people of her nations and races?*

It is our duty to recognize the brother- od of all men under God, to be friendly th people of other nations and races, and seek to have our own nation do its rt in maintaining peace founded upon ghteousness.

84. *What is the will of God for man and ciety in this world?*

It is God's will that all men should well together as one family in His favour d fellowship and in loving service of e another; but we see sin everywhere basing men's lives and destroying their llowship.

85. *What is God's will for Christian ople in this sinful world?*

As those who are here and now committed to God's purpose we are bound to strive to the utmost that good faith, justice and mercy, truth and freedom may prevail among men.

86. *What assurance have we of the ultimate fulfilment of the will of God?*

We do not know how long sin will continue to corrupt and destroy men's lives, but the resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ gives assurance that the long struggle between sin and grace shall have an end, all His enemies be put under His feet, and God's holy, wise and good purpose be accomplished. ●

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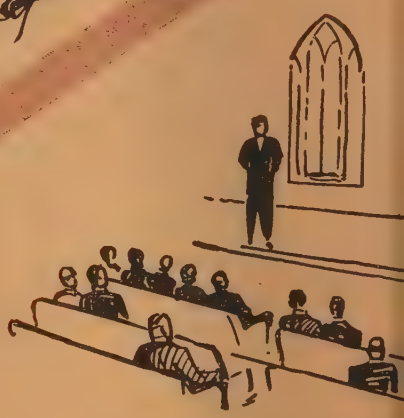

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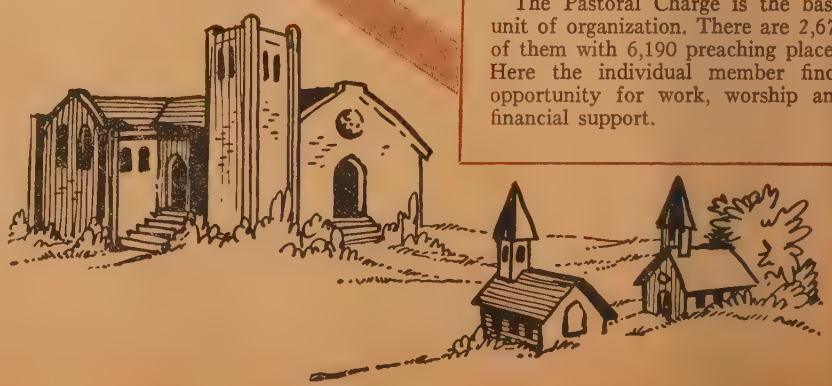

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Answer. I do.

Do you, therefore, offer *yourselves* willingly for this sacred Office?

Answer. I do.

Will you give all diligence to frame and fashion your own *lives* according to t teaching and example of Christ?

Answer. I will.

Will you dutifully submit *yourselves* in the Lord to the authority of this Presbyter

Answer. I will.

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(c) One year, or two summers, of satisfactory service on mission fields.

(d) A Certificate of physical fitness.

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What vows are taken at the Ordination Service at Conference?

Do you believe yourself to be a child of God, through faith in our Lord Jesus Chris

Answer. I do so believe.

Do you believe yourself to be called of God to the Office of the Christian Minist and your chief motives to be zeal for the glory of God, love for the Lord Jesus Chri and desire for the salvation of men?

Answer. I do so believe.

Are you persuaded that the holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all doctrines requir for eternal salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ? and are you resolved out of the sa Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing whi is not agreeable thereto?

Answer. I am so persuaded, and am so resolved, by God's grace.

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Luther proclaimed to a startled world that the sinner was justified before God by his faith in Christ. Tyndale spent his life in translating the Scriptures, so that all may read for themselves what God had to say to them. Calvin urged the Church to recognize the consummate Grace of Almighty God and the triumph of that Grace over the bondage of our sin. In England, Reformers discovered the beautiful simplicity of Holy Communion and turned away from the complexity and baffling metaphysics of the Mass.

The Reformers were insistent that the Papacy should be reformed; that Church doctrine should be restored to the Apostolic pattern of the New Testament, and that morality should be consistent with the Christian ethic. The morality of Roman ecclesiastics certainly improved, but Romish doctrine remained unreformed. The Papacy shed none of its presumption, and tried to suppress the reform movement by a policy of frightfulness. She burned and bullied, she persecuted and imprisoned, in an unsuccessful effort to suppress the Reformation. In the end she had to accept the fact that reform had come to stay.

The Roman Church makes no secret of her absolute abhorrence of the Reformers and the Reformed Churches. She denies their right to exist as Churches at all. In her judgment they are all of illegitimate birth. She ranges them all under the ill-mannered designation of "non-Catholic," and appoints missionaries to bring about their conversion to the Roman Catholic religion. It comes to this, that the differences between Roman Catholic and Protestant are too big for diplomatic adjustment. Roman Catholics say so plainly, and demand, sometimes persuasively, and sometimes imperatively, that we submit body, soul, and intellect to her authority.

Protestantism holds to the authority of the Word of God, and goes so far as to say to Rome—"Show us your supremacy and infallible authority from the Scriptures, the Word of God, and we will receive it. If that supremacy had no place in the Apostolic Church, then nothing can make it either Catholic or Christian."

Roman Catholic doctrine of today is considerably more than it was in the time of the Council of Trent, and it may safely be assumed that Roman Catholicism of the future will show further additions to that held by Roman Catholics today.

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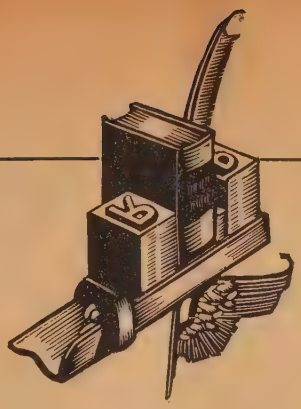

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Educational	11	Public health programme	1 Normal School	Agricultural demonstration centre, training and extension work
Agricultural	4	Leprosy centres	3 Girls' Vocational Schools	
Printing	2	1 T.B. Sanatorium and TB. village programme	1 Theological College	
Total	52	Nurses' Training programme	1 Rural Life School	
		Boys' and Girls' Hostels	Literacy Programme	
			1 School for Missionaries' children	
NORTHERN RHODESIA				
Evangelistic	9			
INDIA				
Evangelistic	33	9 hospitals	26 primary schools	Extension programme in agriculture
Medical	19	7 rural dispensaries	1 Middle School	Cottage Industries Co-operatives, etc.
Educational	16	Public health programme	2 Secondary schools	1 Printing Press
Agricultural	2	Nurses' Training programme	2 Arts Colleges	Christian Literature programme
Total	70		2 Medical Colleges	Audio-visual programme
			2 Theological Colleges	1 Children's Home
			1 Agricultural College	
			1 Trades School	
			32 Literacy Centres	
			1 School for Missionaries' children	
			Boys' and Girls' Hostels	
HONG KONG				
Evangelistic	2	1 Leper colony	1 primary school	1 refugee centre
Medical	4		1 Arts College	1 lay leadership training and Conference Centre
Total	6			1 family welfare centre
				Christian Literature programme
FORMOSA				
Evangelistic	1		1 University	
Medical	1			
Total (under English Presbyterian Mission)	2			

	Missionaries	Medical Work	Educational Work	Other Work
JAPAN				
Evangelistic	27		1 primary school	2 orphanages
Medical	1		3 high schools	3 social service cent
Educational	21		1 Junior College for child-hood education	1 Rural Christian T ing Centre
Social Work	2		1 English Junior College	Audio-visual progra
Total	51		3 Universities	Christian Literatur gramme
			1 School for Missionaries' children	Student Work
			4 Theological Colleges	
KOREA				
Evangelistic	13	2 hospitals	2 Universities	Relief and welfare gramme
Medical	9	2 rural clinics	1 Medical College	Radio broadcasting Audio-visual work
Educational	3	T.B. programme	1 Theological College	Christian Literature gramme
Social Work	1	Amputee programme		Student Work
Student Work	1	Nurses' training		Social welfare progra
Total	27			
TRINIDAD				
Evangelistic	20		68 primary schools	Radio broadcasting Audio-visual work
Education	13		5 high schools	
Total	33		1 Vocational School	Christian Literature gramme
			1 Teacher Training College	1 Children's Home
			1 Theological College	

(1) These statistics combine the work of the Board of Overseas Missions the Woman's Missionary Society. The work of the two Boards is very clo integrated. For example, all medical work is shared on a 50-50 basis.

(2) Figures for the number of missionaries include male missionaries, wi and single women. Wives are listed in the same category as their husbands.

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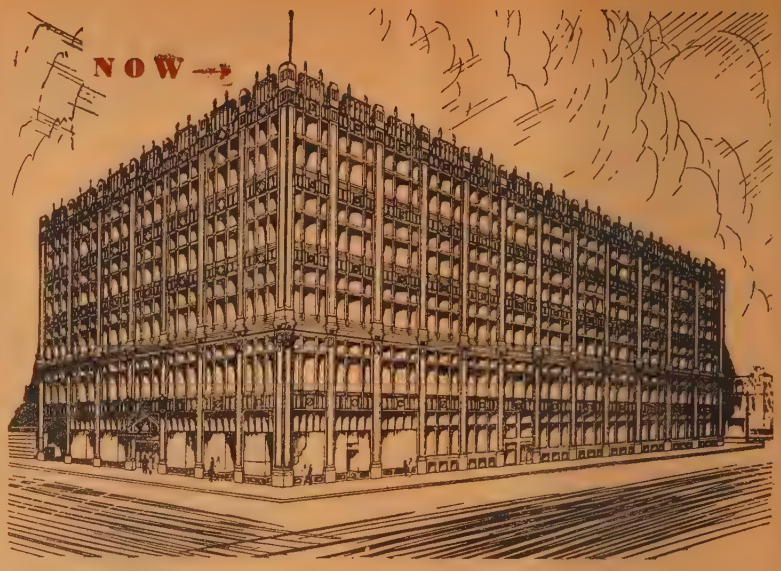

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Committee on Overseas Relief

Inter-Church Aid and the relief of suffering in the matter of clothing, food and medical supplies are the chief concerns of this Committee. It is the channel through which the United Church expresses its compassion for refugees, homeless and hungry millions in many lands.

Committee on the Church and International Affairs

This Committee is appointed by the Board of Evangelism and Social Service but since it reports directly to the General Council it is included. The task of the Committee is (1) to understand more fully the eternal Christian verities of reconciliation, order and peace, (2) to seek ways in which these truths can be realized or made to come alive in the affairs of men and nations.

The Marriage Guidance Council

Established by joint action of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Evangelism and Social Service under authority from the General Council, this Committee, whose chairman is appointed by the Sub-Executive, aims to help ministers become more effective in counselling young people about Christian marriage by holding conferences and producing literature.

Committee on Co-ordination of Adult Work

Seven Boards of the United Church who are concerned with programme for adults in the local church appoint official representatives to this Committee. A common emphasis for study in all adult groups is decided upon annually and plans and materials are developed which have been widely used. The publication, "Christian Citizenship," has been popular in our Church and in other adult groups at home and abroad. ●

About Roman Catholics

CANADA has over 6,000,000 Roman Catholics. Here is where they live:

Quebec	3,564,000
Ontario	1,142,000
New Brunswick	261,000
Nova Scotia	218,000
Saskatchewan	199,000
Alberta	186,000
British Columbia	168,000
Manitoba	156,000
Newfoundland	122,000
P.E.I.	44,000
North West Territories	6,500
Yukon	1,800

Quebec and New Brunswick are the only two provinces whose populations are over 50 per cent. Roman Catholic.

Where United Church People came from

82.7% from the British Isles
3.6% from Germany
2.5% from the Netherlands
2.4% from Scandinavia
1.9% from France
1.0% from Ukraine
.7% Indian (Native)
.7% Asiatic
4.5% Other Origins

Where People of other Denominations came from

87.8% of Canada's Presbyterians had their origin in the British Isles

87.6% of Canada's Anglicans had their origin in the British Isles

68.8% of Canada's Roman Catholics had their ancestral homes in France.

17.3% of Canada's Roman Catholics had their ancestral homes in the British Isles.

Christian Education in the Local Church

A TOTAL of 8,572 official through-the-week Christian Education groups are functioning in local churches, the Board of Christian Education reports. They are:

Y.P.U.	1,239 groups	28,899 members
HI-C	949 groups	20,938 members
Sigma-C	436 groups	
C.G.I.T.	2,538 groups	29,425 members
Explorers	1,030 groups	18,475 members
Tyro	688 groups	
Young Adult and Adult	1,692 groups	60,429 members

In addition, the following groups are functioning in local churches across Canada: Trail Rangers 94 groups, Tuxis 44, Boy Scouts 582, Wolf Cubs 585, Rover Scouts 14, Miscellaneous groups 132. There are 12,840 girls in non-registered C.G.I.T. groups, Girl Guides and various girls' clubs.

Birth Notices

KNOCK—At King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Bermuda, on Nov. 28, 1956, to Rev. and Mrs. Ralph J. Knock, Flatts, Bermuda, a son, Ralph David, a brother for Angela.

ROSS—To F/L the Rev. and Mrs. Philip Ross, a son, Colin David, Oct. 7, 1956 — a brother for Scottie, Patti and Dale.

Ministers' Addresses

Rev. William E. Wright, D.D., 1095 Western Ave., Peterborough, Ont.

Rev. Sidney E. Larman, 277 Supple St., Pembroke, Ont.

Pulpit Vacancies

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Athabasca Pastoral Charge, Edmonton Presbyt... will be vacant Feb. 1, 1957. Interested minis... please write Mr. L. C. Chamberlain, Athaba... Alberta.

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The White Lake pastoral charge (three-poi... Renfrew Presbytery, will be vacant January ... 1957. Interested ministers please write to Mrs. W... R. Headrick, R. R. 2, White Lake, Ontario.

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Didsbury, Alta., two-point Pastoral Charge ... Red Deer Presbytery, vacant June 30, 1957. M... ister retiring. Write Tom Morris, Secretary Past... Relations Committee, Didsbury, Alta.

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Springbank - Cochrane United Church requ... full-time minister for two-point charge. Minis... interested in receiving early call please write ... E. B. Davies, Secretary Pastoral Relations C... mittee, Box 295, Cochrane, Alberta.

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Cottam and Albuna, two-point charge, Es... Presbytery, will be vacant on January 1st. In... ested ministers please communicate with ... Clarence Haggins, Chairman, Pastoral Relati... Committee, R. R. 2, Ruthven, Ontario.

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Knox United Church, Binscarth, two-point char... becomes vacant June 30, 1957. Interested minis... please contact Gordon Ross, Secretary, Binsca... Manitoba.

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Pierson - Gainsborough charge desires a mini... January 1, 1957. Interested ministers apply ... W. A. Carr, Recording Steward, Gainsborou... Sask.

Record of Proceedings

The Record of Proceedings of the Seventee... General Council is now in print. Any reti... minister, lay supply or student serving a past... charge who has not received a copy of the Rec... and would like to have one, may obtain a co... by writing to the Office of the General Coun... Room 421, Wesley Buildings, Toronto 2B, On...

ERNEST E. LONG
Secretary, General Coun...

Transfer Committee

Each year a meeting of members of the Trans... Committee from the Central Conferences has be... held in March to consider information concern... Pastoral Charges and Ministers desiring a char... in pastoral relations. Information from ev... Conference is before this committee.

It has been suggested that there are minist... who might be desirous of making a change, ... who are not prepared to ask officially for a char... in pastoral relations. The Secretary of the Trans... Committee or the Moderator are prepared to rece... letters from such ministers. The information w... be treated as confidential to the extent desi... by the correspondent.

JAMES S. THOMSON, *Moderator.* ERNEST E. LONG, *Secreta...*

Year Book

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